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The Daily Courant.

Saturday, April 3. 1703.

From the Paris Gazette a la main, dated March 30.

THE laſt Advices from our Army in Italy are, That the Duke de Vendome has been to take a View of the new Battery of Mortars which is rais'd to bombard Berſello, and found it plac'd ſo well, that it can no ways be damag'd by the Cannon of the Place, being cover'd by a high Cauſway made ſome Ages ago by the Romans. He has likewiſe viſited the Retrenchments of Governolo, and caus'd the Bridge of Borgoforte to be carry'd down to San Benedetto, which is well fortified. The Marqueſs de Chavigni is dead at Guaſtalla; he was a Brigadier, Inſpector of the Infantry, and Collonel of the Regiment of Auvergne. The Duke de Vendome ſent a third Trumpeter to the Imperial General, to claim the Marqueſs de Barbeſieres, but was anſwer'd as before, That not being taken by any of Prince Eugene's Troops, he can have no benefit of the Cartel for exchange of Priſoners in Italy.

From the Paris Gazette a la main, dated April 2.

The laſt Letters from Italy ſay, The Duke of Vendome was about to leave his Camp at San Benedetto to return to his Head Quarters at Guaſtalla, and give Orders for drawing the Troops together to form an Army and open the Campaigne.

From the Leiden Gazette, dated April 5.

Genoa, March 10. 8 or 10000 Recruits for the French Army in Italy are landed at Final and Alaſſio, and the reſt are ſhortly expected.

Milan, March 18. 3000 of the French Recruits that landed at Final and on the Coaſt of Genoa, are marching to joyn their Army. 1400 Foot new rais'd by the Swiſs Cantons for the Service of the King of Spain, are arriv'd at Arona, and will ſoon be follow'd by 1600 more: All which will be garriſon'd in the Milaneze, conformably to the Treaty concluded with the Swiſs, in which it is ſtipulated, That they ſhall not ſerve in the Field againſt the Emperor and his Allies.

Venice, March 23. Several Barks from Fiume laden with Corn for the Imperial Magazine at Mezola are arriv'd ſafe in the Po. The laſt Advices from the Imperial Army tell us, That they have plenty of Proviſions, and will be increaſed to 30000 Men by the end of April, by the Recruits and Reinforcements which the Emperor will ſend them. Mean time the Troops of which that Army is at preſent compos'd, are in good condition, and are all new cloath'd.

From the Amſterdam Courant, dated April 7.

Duſſeldorp, April 3. They write from Vienna, That the Imperialiſts in Italy begin to beſtir themſelves again; That the French who lye before Berſello corrupted ſome of the Gunners to fire with Powder only upon them when they ſhould give an Aſſault; but the Governour being made acquainted with it, caus'd the Guns to be loaded with Slugs, and put his Men in order to give the Enemy a good Reception; which ſucceeded ſo well, that 2000 French were kill'd or wounded in the Attack, and thereupon they were oblig'd to break up from before that Place.

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From Mantua of the 21ſt of March they write, That the Operations againſt Berſello are diſcontinued, but that they are like to begin again as ſoon as the Weather will permit.

Venice, March 24. The Imperialiſts and French are preparing on both ſides to diſpute the paſſage of either Army over the Secchia. The French have diſcontinued the Bombardment of Berſello, becauſe of the continual Rains, and the great Fire made by the Garriſon, The Commander in that Place having caus'd the Spires of the Churches to be taken down, and planted Cannon on the flat tops of the Steeples, which very much incommodes the French.

From the Paris Gazette, dated March 31.

Strasburg, March 21. On the 15th of this Month the Marſhal de Villars ſeparated his Army, 18 Battallions and 30 Squadrons led by the Count du Bourg march'd up along the Rhine to repaſs that River into Alſatia, over the Bridge which is made near the outlet of the Eltz between Rhinau and Capel. The reſt of the Army is ſince come over to this ſide of the Rhine to go into Quarters of Refreſhment. On the 16th the Marſhal de Villars with 1000 Horſe and 900 Foot, march'd up towards the Briſgau to take a View of the Couutry, and ſee the Bridge at Rhinau. When he was advanc'd near to Kentzingen, a Town ſituate on the Eltz, fortified with a ſtrong Wall, with Ramparts and a Ditch full of running Water, he was inform'd there was in it a Garriſon of 7 or 800 Men of the old Imperial Foot Regiments of Salm and Marſilii, and reſolv'd to attempt to diſlodge them. At that time ſome Prieſts bringing him Contributions, he ſent them back, with order to tell the Garriſon, That if they would not Surrender, he would grant them no Quarter, and that the Town ſhould be pillag'd and burnt. Immediately after, he caus'd his Infantry to advance within 150 Paces of the Ditch, as if they were to begin the Attack. The Garriſon believing them to be the Van of the whole Army, ſent an Officer to treat, and after ſome Conteſt, agreed to march out with Arms and Baggage and to be conducted to Friburg; which they did accordingly on the 18th. In the Place was found 4 Braſs Cannon, 40000 weight of Powder, and a great number of Grenadoes ſome fill'd others empty, Bullets, Lead, Match, and Meal; the Prince of Baden having laid up his Ammunitions of War there, after the Battle of Fridlingen. This Place covering the Plain on both ſides the River Eltz, the Marſhal de Villars caus'd the Walls to be raz'd. The Enemy hearing of his March abandon'd all the ſmall Places of which they were poſſeſs'd on the ſide of the Rhine about Briſac and Friburg, after throwing their Cannon and Ammunition into the River. The Lines and Trenches that were made uſe of in the Siege of Kehl, are levell'd by 9000 Pioneers that were employ'd in that Service, and the Fortifications of that Fort are begun to be repair'd. 12 or 13000 Men of the Troops of Holland and of Heſſe, ſent to ſuccour Prince Lewis of Baden, are arriv'd about Landau and Weiſſenbourg.

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Paris, March 30. We had a Report here, That the Marſhal de Villars had repaſs'd to the other ſide of the Rhine again, but it proves falſe. The Letters from Strasburg of the 23d tell us, That the Forces commanded by the Count du Bourg are all on this ſide; and that the Marſhal de Villars himſelf is at Strasburg.

From the Amſterdam Courant, dated April 5.

Paris, March 30. Two days ago the Chevalier de Treſſemanne, a Major General in the Army of the Marſhal de Villars, arriv'd at Marli, being ſent by that General to acquaint his Majeſty with the State of things in thoſe Parts; the Account he brought is kept ſecret; After he had attended the King twice, he was ſent back again the next day. The Marſhal de Villars having ſignified to the King, That ſeveral Officers continue in this City ſtill, and that his Majeſty's Service could not diſpence with their Abſence from their Commands, Orders are given for all of them to depart without further delay on pain of being ſent to the Baſtille. 'Tis diſcours'd now, That the Marſhal de Villars will actually begin his march on the 10th of April to joyn the Elector of Bavaria. The Count de Monaſterole, that Elector's Envoy to this Court, has taken his leave of the King to go to ſerve his Maſter in the Field.

From the Paris Gazette a la main, dated April 2.

Paris, April 2. It is now made no Secret, but openly avow'd, That the Marſhal de Villars is order'd to joyn the Elector of Bavaria; That the Count de Monaſterole is gone to accompany the ſaid Marſhal; That he only waits for ſome Recruits before he draw his Army together; And that the Marſhal de Tallard is to command in Alſatia.

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Metz, March 22. The Army commanded by the Marſhal de Tallard, having march'd a day or two up the Sarre; ſeparated into 3 Bodies, one of which mov'd down towards Sarbourg, where it is to obey the Orders of the Marqueſs d'Uſſon; the two others march'd by different Routes towards Thionville, where the Marſhal de Tallard arriv'd on the 17th. The Train of Artillery belonging to this Army which was left at Sarlouis, march'd from thence on the 19th for Thionville, where part of the Troops are canton'd along the Moſelle and the Sarre. Several Regiments, to the number of 6000 Men, are arriv'd in this City, where they are to continue till further Order. Yeſterday, was ſent from hence to Sarbourg 400 Waggons loaded with Corn and Meal. The Enemies are drawn together again about Traerbach in leſs number than before, and intrench themſelves at Traben, and other neighbouring Poſts. The Caſtle of Traerbach, the Garriſon of which is chang'd, is ſtor'd with Proviſions of all Sorts, particularly Water with which the Ciſtern is fill'd.

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There has been ſome Action in the Sevennes, but none of any importance.

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Paris, March 30. The laſt Letters from the Lower Languedoc adviſe, That the number of the Malecontents of the Sevennes increaſe daily; That they have burnt ſeveral Places by way of Repriſal, the Marſhal de Montrevel having burnt ſome where they had been, viz. Sauve, Fonts, and St. Giniey. That they billet themſelves on the Country like the King's Troops. And that they do no hurt to any but thoſe who uſe them ill. The Marſhal de Montrevel has made new Inſtances for a greater number of Troops.

From the Amſterdam Courant, dated April 7.

Paris, April 2. The Malecontents of the Sevennes, ſeiz'd Monſieur Maſſilian, (whom one of their Leaders had ſet at liberty,) near Brignon, and put him to Death. They have a Deſign to break into the Vivarez. 'Tis given out here, that there are Letters from Lisbon which ſay, That the Court of Portugal, notwithſtanding all the Perſwaſions of the Enemy to declare for them, is reſolv'd to abide by the Neutrality. As alſo, That the King of Portugal has given out new Commiſſions for raiſing 15 Troops of Horſe of 50 Men each. They write from Italy, That the Town of Leoneſſa is ſwallow'd up by an Earthquake. From Bayonne, That part of the two Millions of Pieces of Eight which the King of Spain ſends to the King of France, is already arriv'd there, and that the reſt will be broughr thither very ſpeedily. The King has augmented the Penſion of the Duke of Berwick from 12 to 20000 Livres yearly.

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Rome, March 17. In the Night between the 10th and 11th, a new Shog of an Earthquake was felt here, and at Viterbo, which did no hurt. Mean time we hear the Earth continues to ſhake frequently in the Kingdom of Naples, where the Villages of Caſtiglione della Valli, Scoranno, Campli, and Terenno in the Abruzzo, are rendred uninhabitable. And the Earth has open'd and left deep Pits at Fucine and Pizzoli in the Province of Aquila. A certain Prieſt is put into the Inquiſition, for affixing in ſeveral Streets of this City that lead to the Seven Churches, a Paper with theſe words, *This is the Way of the Croſs*: As alſo for laying 2 Dead Men's Skulls in the Square of St. Gregory, on which was written in great Letters, That the Fall of the Pope, and of thoſe Monarchs who fight againſt the Houſe of Auſtria, is at hand. The Child of 12 Years old who cried out not long ago, in the Chieſa Nuova, That this City would quickly be ſwallow'd up by an Earthquake, has been expos'd in the Pillory, and is kept in Priſon, where he is whip'd every day; and they talk of inflicting the like Puniſhment on ſeveral Perſons of both Sexes, who were catch'd in a Houſe in the Country eating Fleſh in the time of Lent.

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